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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This preliminary amendment includes a substitute paper “sequence listing” on 4 sheets of paper with identical content to a substitute computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing, that was requested in a Notice mailed from the Patent Office on May 4, 2005.

This substitute paper sequence listing on 4 sheets of paper is to replace the existing sequence listing from the first preliminary amendment.

The original CRF of the sequence listing was technically flawed. The substitute CRF provided herein has been cleared via the “Checker” version 4.2.2 program, from the PTO website. The substitute paper version of the sequence listing is identical to the substituted CRF version.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin of page 3 of this paper.

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